



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8
999 18TH STREET - SUITE 500
DENVER, CO 80202-2466
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POLLUTION REPORT
Montana Refining Company

I. HEADING

DATE: **March 16, 2001**
SUBJECT: Montana Refining Oil Spill
FROM: Martha Wolf
POLREP NO.: **POLREP 2**

II. BACKGROUND

SITE NO.:	93
FPN NO.:	S01010
RESPONSE AGENCY:	EPA REGION VIII
ADDRESS:	999 18TH STREET, SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80202-2466
RESPONSE AUTHORITY:	OPA, CWA, PA (1990)
PARTY CONDUCTING ACTION:	PRP

III. SITUATION:

On December 1, 2000, around 11:30 a.m., a leak was discovered from a 5" pipeline owned and operated by Montana Refining Company (MRC). A total of approximately 37,800 gallons of crude oil was spilled and collected in a "dry" stock pond. National Response Center (NRC), Montana Department of Emergency Services, Glacier County Disaster and Emergency Services, Montana Highway Department, and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ) were notified. EPA dispatched an OSC who arrived on scene December 2, 2000. Immediate actions included using a vacuum truck to recover product from the stock pond, patching the hole in the pipeline to stop the leak, and conducting an in-situ burn. MTDEQ issued the burn permit on December 1, 2000, for the burn that took place on December 2, 2000.

IV. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

Potential discharge into surface water as covered in §311 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1321 as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.



B. Site Description

The Montana Refining Oil Spill site is located approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the town of Cut Bank in Glacier County, Montana. **The spill was caused by a corrosion break in a five-inch pipeline normally operating at around 200 pounds per square inch (psi).**

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Status of Actions

The excavation of the contaminated soils is ongoing. **Material will be landfarmed pending approval from the State.**

B. Removal Actions to Date

MRC replaced the damage pipeline, recovered 12,306 gallons of crude, excavated stock dam, and removed surface water.

C. Next Steps

The excavation and landfarming of contaminated soils continues. The OSC will continue to monitor cleanup.

D. Enforcement

To be determined.

V. COST INFORMATION

	<u>Est. Costs</u>
START	\$7,000
Ceiling	\$10,000